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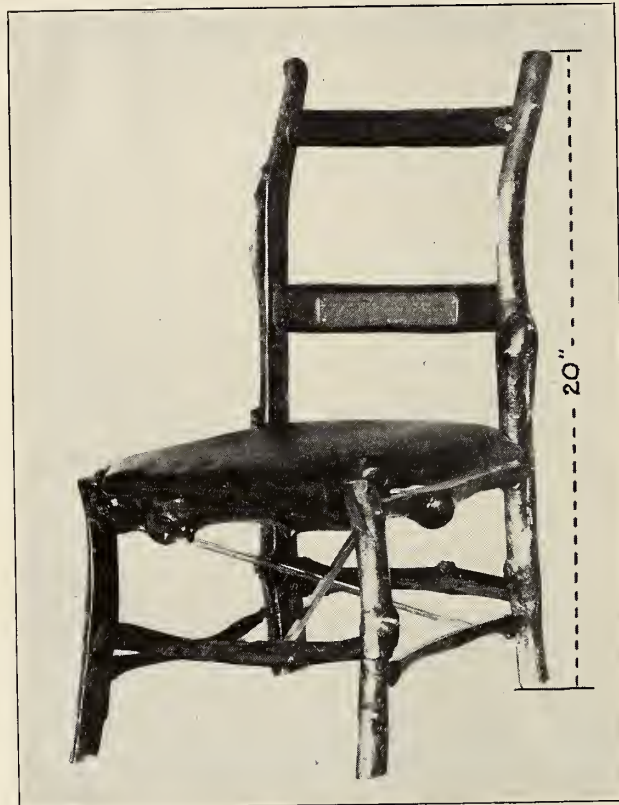
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Curios and Relics
Furniture
Chairs
Made from Materials
Connected with Lincoln

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

From the files of the
Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection



The cut shown on this page represents a small chair which was made from a limb of the sycamore tree which grew on the side of the dugout under the building in which Lincoln conducted a store at Old Salem, Illinois. This chair was built by Mr. D. R. Lewis of Oblong. It was presented to the Illinois State Historical Library and is now on exhibition with the other Lincoln relics. The above set forth facts are accompanied by a affidavit signed by Mr. Lewis.

Presented to the Illinois State Historical Library by D. R. Lewis 1926

69-N.E. 50th Terrace,
Miami 37 Florida.
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Lincoln Memorial Institute,
~~Springfield, Illinois.~~
Fort Wayne, Indiana.
Gentlemen:

The writer J.M. Davisson (Junius M.) is a Son of Illinois.
Born in Mount Vernon about seventy years ago.

In my youth I was given a Walnut Log by an elderly Gentle-
man Mr. Barger Casey of Mount Vernon.

This Log he explained was given him by his Father who
secured the Log while working in some way connected with the Lincoln
Home-stead in Salem or New Salem.

The Log in question was a foundation footing under Abe
Lincoln's Barn or Home.

From this walnut Log I carved a chair (Long years ago).
The back of which is an American Eagle about 20" High-wings slightly
draped, forming a curved Back.

The Eagle is backed by a 24" Shield with edge of Shield
Crested. Thru the Eagle relief is visible in Spots. The lines and
Stripes of U.S. Flag on the Shield. In the Eagle's beak is a long
Ribbon which is supposed to carry our (E Pluribus Unum.)

This is authentic and is a rare Museum piece and should be
in some place where it could be seen and appreciated,. The Chair is
in perfect condition, darkened with age.

Would your Institution be interested in this Chair?

I have several other Carvings and rare Items that may or
may not interest you.

I have the original Bust-carving of William McKinley, which
I made for his campaign. Plaster Cast from this Bust sold for \$5.00
to help Campaign expenses.

I would like very much to hear from your Institution in this
regard.

Thanking you kindly I am,

Yours truly,

J M Davisson

Curio

April 25, 1950

Mr. J.M. Davisson
69-N.E. 50th Terrace
Miami 37, Florida

Dear Mr. Davisson:

Thanks very much for calling to our attention
the chair which you have engraved or carved, but we
have very little interest here in curios.

Thank you nevertheless for calling it to our at-
tention, and we will keep the reference of your information,
in case someone should inquire about it.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

